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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2001.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 16-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 16-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12-2000 (1 sheet).
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 16-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Noy (U.S. Patent No. 6,628,623).

Regarding claims 16 and 25, Noy teaches a method for determining a network topology that includes mapping a fake MAC address corresponding to a switch node on a network and transmitting a packet including the fake address to a plurality of nodes on the same network (see figure 7 and column 1, lines 40-45). The method further includes a mapping 22 or storing of the fake MAC addresses and a matching process is performed to determine which fake addresses have been identified and certain addresses are eliminated from the mapping, also an address information item is assigned to a mapping such that no elimination is performed to a fake MAC address that relates to an actual switch and the address information may then be used to forward information to the resulting topology (see column 3, lines 1-25 and figures 8-9).

Regarding claims 17-18, the address is a real hardware address, a network address both inclusive of a MAC address (see figure 7).

Regarding claims 19, 23, 26 and 28-30, the address conversion process forms the destination address, where the topological mapping produces unique addresses used for transmitting data (see column 3, lines 15-25).

Regarding claim 20-21, the fictitious address is transmitted upon a request (see column 1, line 63).

Regarding claim 22, a MAC address (see figure 7).

Regarding claim 24, a transfer protocol of SNMP is used by the destination network device.

Regarding claim 27, a transfer protocol of SNMP is used as a trap conversion protocol by the destination network device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamran Emdadi whose telephone number is 571-272-6047. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F between the hours of 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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